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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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| <b>2001 Senate Bill 224</b>  | <b>Senate Amendment 1</b> |
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Senate Bill 224 relates to the determination of annual salaries for the director and the executive assistant of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). Under current law, the director of WTCS is assigned to executive salary group (ESG 6). Senate Bill 224 eliminates the ESG assignment of the director and establishes a WTCS senior executive salary system. Under the bill, two salary groups are established for the WTCS. The executive assistant of the WTCS is assigned to “general senior executive group 1” and the director is assigned to “general senior executive group 2” The salary range for these WTCS salary groups will be established in the plan that is submitted to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for approval.

Senate Amendment 1 makes a technical change to a provision in ch. 20, relating to executive assistants. Section 20.923 (9), Stats., requires salaries for executive assistants to be set by the appointing authority. However, under that statute, the salary for an executive assistant may not exceed the maximum of the salary range *two ranges below* the salary range of the executive salary group to which the department or agency head is assigned. Because there are only two salary groups created for the WTCS, compliance with this statute is not possible. To resolve this conflict, Senate Amendment 1 exempts the executive assistant to the director of the WTCS from s. 20.923 (9), Stats.

Senate Bill 224 was introduced on July 12, 2001, by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations and referred to the Committee on Education. The Committee on Education held a hearing on the bill on October 9, 2001. The committee recommended introduction and adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 1. The committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 1.

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